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U.S. Cattle on Feed Up 3 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States, for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head, totaled 11.7 million head on December 1, 2005 according to the USDA-NASS Minnesota Field Office. The inventory was 3 percent above December 1, 2004 and 3 percent above December 1, 2003.

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 2.05 million, 17 percent above 2004 and 6 percent above 2003. Net placements were 1.95 million. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 660,000, 600-699 pounds were 650,000, 700-799 pounds were 420,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 315,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.70 million, 4 percent above 2004 and 11 percent above 2003.

Other disappearance totaled 91,000 during November, 16 percent below 2004 and 6 percent below 2003.

**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
by Month, State, and United States 2004-2005 ¹**

State	Dec 1, 2004	Nov 1, 2005	Dec 1, 2005		
			Number	as % of 2004	as % of Nov
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AZ	329	*323	328	100	102
CA	530	545	550	104	101
CO	1,100	1,030	1,070	97	104
ID	305	290	280	92	97
IA	435	475	500	115	105
KS	2,390	2,410	2,470	103	102
NE	2,300	2,280	2,400	104	105
NM	129	141	137	106	97
OK	355	360	365	103	101
SD	186	161	190	102	118
TX	2,740	2,970	2,940	107	99
WA	185	163	161	87	99
Oth Sts	350	325	335	96	103
US	11,334	*11,473	11,726	103	102

* Revised.

¹ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

**Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
by Month, State, and United States 2004-2005**

State	During Nov 2004	During Oct 2005	During Nov 2005		
			Number	as % of 2004	as % of Oct
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AZ	35	*33	35	100	106
CA	66	64	66	100	103
CO	175	*285	165	94	58
ID	50	76	49	98	64
IA	90	131	108	120	82
KS	390	580	465	119	80
NE	410	660	440	107	67
NM	14	22	18	129	82
OK	43	79	68	158	86
SD	51	68	63	124	93
TX	320	670	495	155	74
WA	37	34	27	73	79
Oth Sts	62	86	46	74	53
US	1,743	*2,788	2,045	117	73

* Revised

United States Cattle on Feed 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots

Million Head

